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Sulfur from Components for Blending of
Transportation Fuels

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AMENDMENT A

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In response to the Office Action mailed November 06, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

ANY ADDITIONAL FEES REQUIRED
CHARGE TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
NO. 01-0528

I. In the Claims

Please replace Claim 1 with the following:

1. (Amended) A process for the production of products which are liquid at ambient conditions and contain organic sulfur compounds of higher molecular weight than corresponding sulfur-containing compounds in the feedstock, which process comprises:

providing a feedstock comprising a mixture of hydrocarbons which includes olefins and sulfur-containing organic compounds, the feedstock consisting essentially of material boiling between about 60° C. and about 345° C. and having a sulfur content up to about 5,000 parts per million;

in an initial contacting stage at elevated temperatures, contacting the feedstock with an acidic catalyst under conditions which are effective to convert a portion of the sulfur-containing